

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. Unless there is objection, since Senators Nelson, Nichol and Vickers are absent at a community college meeting...oh, Senator Smith, you are going to handle it? Very well. LB 796.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 796 was a bill introduced by Senators Nelson, Nichol, Smith, and Vickers. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 8 of this year, referred to the Education Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, I will do the best job I can unprepared. I am one of the co-sponsors of this bill. I didn't know we were going to be starting up immediately. Senator Nelson was going to take the lead-off position but I will do the best I can on giving you the information that we need to get to you about the bill. LB 796 introduced January the 8th, 1986 would change the property tax levy authority in operations levy limits for three technical community college areas. Currently state statute provides that each of the six technical community college areas can by a majority vote of the area governing board levy a property tax of up to 7 cents per \$100 of actual valuation for operations, and up to 1.8 percent per \$100 for capital improvement. Furthermore, areas of populations of under 150,000 may levy an addition 4.2 percent per \$100 worth of valuation for operations by a two-thirds vote of their boards. Only the two smallest and most western technical community college areas are included under this provision. LB 796 would eliminate the population limitations and allow all areas except those contained in metropolitan class cities to exceed the 7 cents per \$100 limit for operations by a two-thirds vote of their respective boards. The legislation would also increase the maximum additional operations levy from 4.2 per \$100 of valuation to 5 cents per \$100. Thus the bill would allow all area governing boards with the exception of the Metropolitan Technical Community College board to levy up to 12 cents per \$100 worth of valuation for college operations. Now there is rationale for this legislation. LB 271 passed in the first session of the 89th Legislature revalued agricultural land in accordance with the constitutional amendment allowing differential valuation of property. Based on projections from the Nebraska